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I. CURRENT SITUATION:

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1. PRESS EASES ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN TEMPORARILY:

PAST TWO DAYS HAVE SEEN A WELCOME RESPITE FROM THE BARRAGE OF ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTARY THAT HAS GONE ON FOR WELL OVER A MONTH. EVEN "DOROY" VALENCIA'S RAMBLING TIRADES IN THE BULLETIN TODAY HAVE TAPERED OFF TO AN OCCASIONAL PASSING SNIP. SIGNAL TO CALL OFF DOGS APPARENTLY CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT MARCOS' MONDAY ADDRESS BEFORE LABOR GROUP IN WHICH HE ASSURED FOREIGN INVESTORS THAT THEIR INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED AND THAT END RESULT OF RENEGOTIATION PROCESS WOULD BE AN "AGREEMENT TO SATISFACTION OF BOTH PARTIES". MARCOS REFERRED O U.S. AS "STAUNCH AND OLD ALLY" AND LIKENED NEGOTIATIONS TO "TWO BROTHERS SITTING DOWN BUT REALIZING THE NEW LIMITATIONS THAT ARE IMPOSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES". EXPRESS EDITORIAL SAME

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DAY, WHILE RESTATING NECESSITY FOR NEW LOOK AT SECURITY AR-

RANGEMENTS, NOTES DEEP RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL FOR U.S. AND REAFFIRMS THAT "PHILIPPINES ONE OF ITS (U.S.) CLOSEST FREINDS". ONLY HARD-LINER KERIMA POLOTAN (ORIENT TODAY) CONTINUED HER USUAL VITUPERATION, STATING THAT "IN REGION FILLED WITH AWARENESS OF MUTUAL DEPENDENCE, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COUNTRIES LIKE THE U.S.M. WHO LIKE TO PLAY GOD". VALENCIA, APRIL 29 AND 30 COLUMNS LIKEWISE RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS.

COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS RESPITE MAY BE TEMPORARY AND THAT TIRADES COULD RESUME (ALTHOUGH PERHAPS IN LESS STRIDENT FORL) WHEN AND IF GOP AGAIN WISHES APPLY PRESSURE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON BASE AND ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS. ON OTHER HAND, VIEWS IN MARCOS SPEECH ARE THOSE HE EXPRESSES PRIVATELY AND HE MAY FEEL RECENT ANTI-U.S. CAMPAIGN WAS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND IN DANGER OF BECOMING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, ESPECIALLY AT TIME U.S. IS TAKING WORST LUMPS IN VIETNAM PULLOUT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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## II SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:

### 1. POST CONTINUES SUPPORT TO VIETNAM EVACUATION:

IO JACK LARTZ RELIEVED DPAO PHILLIPS AS MISSION PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE AT CLARK AFB ON SEPTEMBER 27. ON SEPTEMBER 29, WHEN THE FINAL EVACUATION BEGAN, USIS WENT INTO ROUND-THE-CLOCK OPERATION TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE DISEMINATION OF WIRE SERVICE AND OTHER REPORTS TO KEY MISSION PERSONNEL. EMBASSY PRESS GUIDANCE WAS TELEPHONED TO CLARK REPEATEDLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO RESPOND TO INCOMING PRESS QUERIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR UNANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS. USIS ALSO PROVIDED AMERICAN FILMS FOR SHOWING TO EVACUEES AT SUBIC NAVAL BASE.

2. JOINT PHILIPPINE-U.S. JAM SESSION WOWS AUDIENCE --  
NEARLY 400 EAGER JAZZ BUFFS CROWDED INTO TJCC TO APPLAUD AN AFTERNOON JAM SESSION BY A MIXED GG  
UP OF 13TH AIR FORCE BAND  
AND FILIPINO MUSICIANS. SO LARGE WAS THE CROWD THAT THEY SAT ON THE FLOOR AND WHISTLED, STAMPED AND CLAPPED FOR ENCOURE AFTER ENCOURE. THE MUSICIANS THEMSELVES RESPONDED BY ABANDONING  
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THEIR REGULAR PROGRAM AND PLAYING AS THE SPIRIT MOVED THEM. THE OCCASION WAS USED TO ANNOUNCE THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF CHARLIE BYRD TO MANILA, AND JUDGING BY THE ECSTATIC REACTION OF THIS GROUP, THE BYRD PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

### 3. CEBU MAKES EFFECTIVE USE OF SEMINAR SPEAKERS --

THREE FILIPINO RESOURCE SPEAKERS FOR CEBU'S RECENT WEEK-  
LONG STUDENT LEADER SEMINAR WERE ALSO USED FOR STANDING-ROOM-  
ONLY LECTURE DISCUSSION RESSIONS ON THE AMERICAN ARTS AT CEBU'S  
LINCOLN CENTER. THE BPAO FEELS THIS WAS SUCH A WORTHWHILE  
EFFORT THAT IT SHOULD BE REPEATED LATER FOR ELITE AUDIENCES  
IN OTHER VISAYAN CITIES. END UNCLASSIFIED.  
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